

membrane (1) and the supplemental membrane (3) are joined with each other in one piece to form a double membrane (15).

22. Membrane vacuum pump (103) according to claim 21, wherein the operating membrane (1) and the supplemental membrane (3) are joined through a central spacer (11) with each other in one piece, and the spacer (11) has on a side facing away from the conveying space (2) an undercut fastening opening for insertion of a form-fitted fastening element (16) connected with a connecting rod of the pump drive.

23. Membrane vacuum pump according to claim 1, wherein the operating membrane (1) is configured as a molded membrane. - -

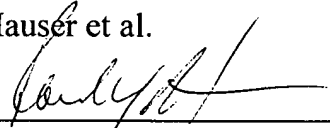
### REMARKS

Claims 1 and 13-23 are currently pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 13-23 have been added to the application. These claims have been added to the enclosed Substitute Specification upon which examination of the present application is to be based. No new matter has been introduced into the application by the Substitute Specification, which incorporates the changes from the Annexes and claims 13-23.

Prompt examination of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

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